



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NOXIOUS WEED AWARENESS MONTH**  
JUNE 2008

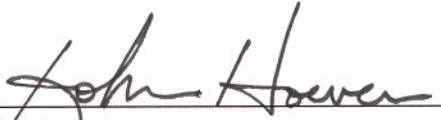
**WHEREAS**, noxious weeds can be a serious problem for landowners and land managers in North Dakota and throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in North Dakota, leafy spurge infests nearly 1 million acres and costs farmers and ranchers \$27 million in direct impacts every year, with a total economic impact to the state estimated at \$86 million; and

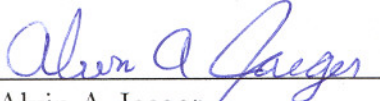
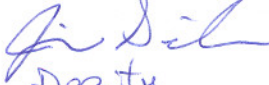
**WHEREAS**, Canada thistle, spotted knapweed and nine additional noxious weeds are also infesting acres across the state with the potential of becoming as widespread as leafy spurge; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Weed Control Association is working with county and city weed control authorities to raise awareness and educate North Dakotans on ways to fight and prevent noxious weeds.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2008, **NOXIOUS WEED AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

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